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REMARKS

Claim 15 has been allowed. The subject matter of claim 15 is incorporated into claim 1, and claim 15 is cancelled.

Claims 1-6, 8, 10-14, and 16-17 stand rejected for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,595,670 ('670) to Mombo-Caristan in view of JP 60-148670 ('670). Claim 7 stands rejected for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Mombo-Caristan '670 and JP '670 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,410,882 to Okada. Claim 9 stands rejected for obviousness under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Mombo-Caristan '670 and JP '670 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,603,853 ('853) to Mombo-Caristan. These rejections are now moot in view of the amendment to claim 1 to include the allowed subject matter of claim 15.

In view of the amendment to claim 15, allowance of claims 1-14, 16 and 17 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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